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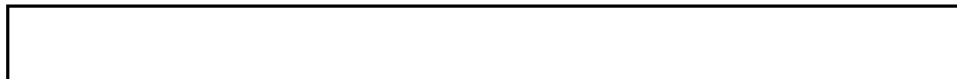


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*Brazil: Student demonstrations have tapered off, at least temporarily, but political tension remains high.

On 2 April in the interior city of Goiania, two students are reported to have been wounded inside the cathedral. Police used tear gas to break up a demonstration in Belo Horizonte; in Recife police prevented incidents during a demonstration. Calm has prevailed in other major cities under the watchful eye of Brazilian security forces.

Extremist student agitators are calling for new demonstrations on 4 April when the seventh day mass will be held for the youth killed by police in Rio de Janeiro. Bickering among student leaders has somewhat limited their effectiveness, and many are reported to believe that continued violence could cause them to lose popular support.

Military members of the cabinet are reported to have been extremely worried during the current wave of student disorders.

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The President probably will delay any decision for several days, and will not act unless his hand is forced by renewed violence.

In a related development, security authorities are concerned about the President's safety during his visit to the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul.

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extremists may be planning terrorist acts when Costa e Silva and Uruguayan President Pacheco open an international bridge today, and appropriate precautions are being taken.

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*Panama: National Guard Commandant Vallarino appears determined not to accept any anti-Robles decision by the Supreme Court.

Vallarino, who expects the court to rule in favor of Robles, reportedly has leaked the word to rival "president" Delvalle that the Guard would not abide by a court decision that goes against Robles. This stand would be contrary to Vallarino's public statements that he would accept the court's verdict.

Although the Robles government expects a ruling today, Delvalle's supporters may seek a delay, possibly until after the legal holidays during Easter week. National Union (NU) leaders would probably try to generate enough popular support during this period to intimidate the court.

A recent unsuccessful attempt to bribe one of the nine justices to support the NU may be followed by efforts to persuade one or more of the justices to withhold an opinion since the entire court is required to sign the final decision.

Some members of Arias' National Union reportedly are growing increasingly pessimistic about their plight. They are considering such options as dumping Arias in favor of another candidate, arranging for a civilian junta of ex-presidents, or, as a last resort, settling for an outright military dictatorship headed by Vallarino. An adverse decision by the court might be the catalyst for such a break.

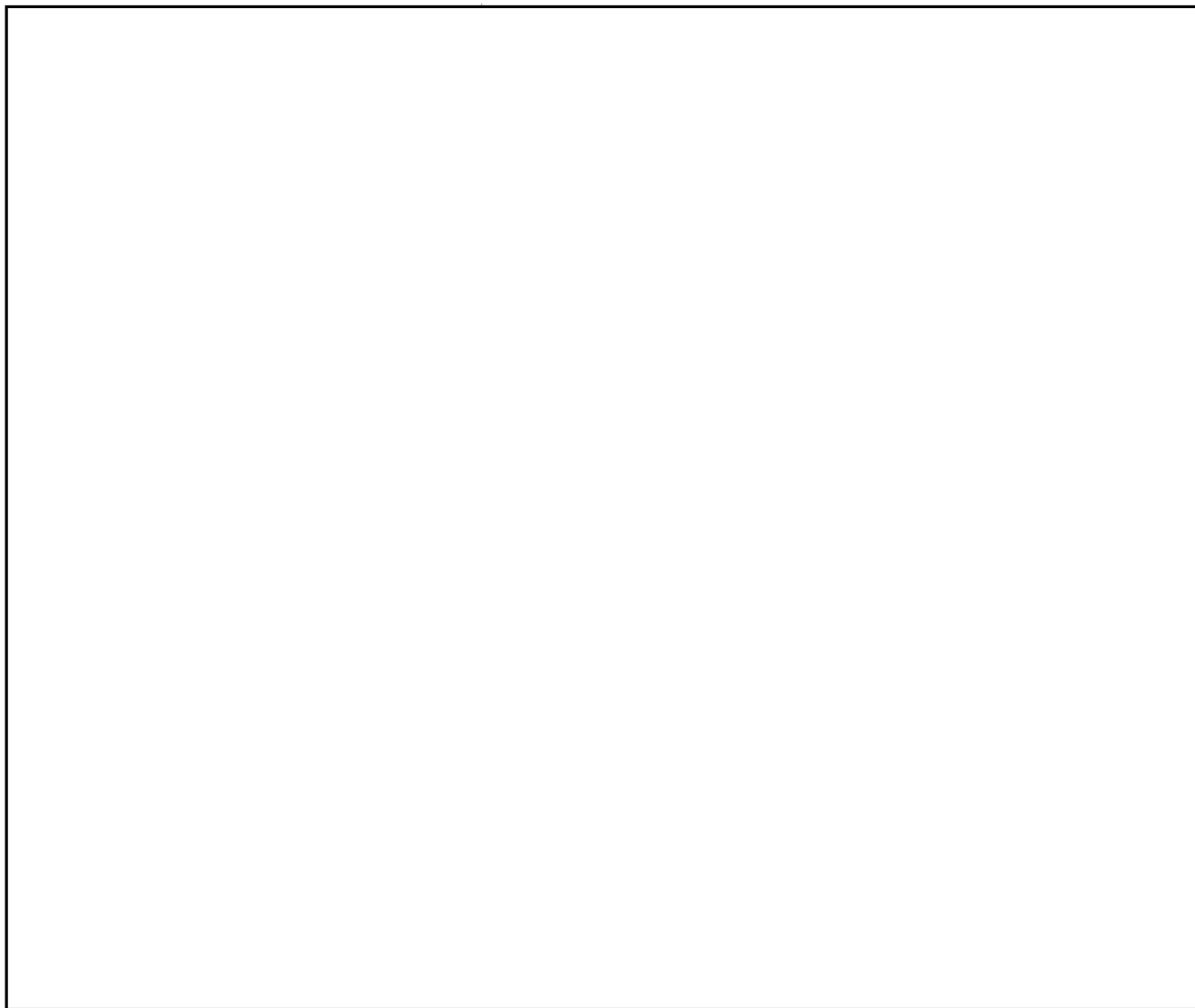
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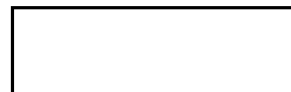
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SS-N-2 CRUISE MISSILE
(Photograph is of Soviet equipment)

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Communist China: The Chinese may intend to deploy SS-N-2 cruise missiles to coastal defense installations as well as on their Osa and Komar patrol boats.

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The SS-N-2 normally is carried by Osa and Komar guided missile patrol boats, but could easily be adapted for use on land.

The SS-N-2 has a range of 20-25 miles, carries a high explosive warhead, and is an effective antiship weapon. The Chinese have built at least eight Osa and Komar patrol boats and are probably producing their own SS-N-2s.

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[redacted] the Chinese have had guided missile patrol boats for several years. These boats are deployed in all three fleet areas. [redacted]

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